



International Public Safety Association Releases its Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide

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The International Public Safety Association's Rescue Task Force Committee, comprised of practitioner, subject matter experts who convene regularly to discuss ASHES/MCIs, debriefings, response strategies and best practices, came together to share their lessons learned and expertise to create the ***International Public Safety Association's Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide***.

For any jurisdiction to be fully prepared for any ASHE/MCI means that they must have a comprehensive, integrated response and recovery plan with allied emergency responders. A truly integrated response means that law enforcement, fire/EMS and 911 telecommunications must increase their opportunities to cross-train and debrief with allied emergency responders. These opportunities are not currently widely available.

While there are several existing, valuable and recent studies that address unique components of ASHES/MCIs, there is a lack of research and readily available information about how agencies can create an effective integrated, cross-disciplinary response to dynamic ASHES/MCIs.

This effort was led by IPSA Executive Director Heather R. Cotter, RTF Committee Chair (and IPSA Board Member) Captain Brad Havrilla with Palm Beach County Fire Rescue and RTF Committee Vice-Chair (and IPSA Board Member) Captain J. Scott Quirarte with Ventura County Fire Department. Members of the IPSA's RTF Committee had a significant role in providing the content within this document.

The IPSA's RTF Committee will be charged with reviewing International Public Safety Association's Rescue Task Force Best Practices Guide on an annual basis and issue new versions as RTF tactics and operations evolve.

To access the ***International Public Safety Association's Best Practices Guide*** visit <https://www.joinipsa.org/Rescue-Task-Force-Best-Practices-Guide>

About the International Public Safety Association

The International Public Safety Association, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, was established in July 2014 in the State of Arizona to bring the public safety community closer together by offering opportunities to network, cross-train and build a stronger public safety community capable of an effective joint response to all incidents. www.joinipsa.org

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